

# Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 February 2024, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 6.30pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Cllrs, Karen Bland (Chair), Michael Dinsdale, Andrew Haydon, Lawrence Houghton MBE, Kathryn Holland Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes, Martin Withington, and Guy Wellsbury.

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

SALC Chair: Ray Wickson

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of Public: One

#### 18/24 Public Participation Period

Cllr Wickson presented the Parish Council with the Jan Snell Award.

The Treasurer of the Parish Hall Committee requested the Parish Council consider assisting with the repairs of the potholes in the Hall car park.

#### 19/24 Apologies for absence:

None.

#### 20/24 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2024 were approved and signed.

#### 21/24 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

**b. To consider any requests for Dispensation**

None

c. **Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.**

None

#### 22/24 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams reported on the installation of the post box by the bridle way in the middle of Welshampton. He also reported on Shropshire Council's proposal to charge for the collection of green waste. Discussion took place on the merits of the proposal.

#### 23/24 Development in the Parish

**a. Decisions Received**

i. 23/05539/VAR Plot 7 Juniper Drive, Welshampton SY12 0FU

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Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of Application Reference Number: 17/03500/REM Date of Decision: 06/11/2019

Decision: Grant Permission.

**b. Applications Received**

The Clerk advised no applications had been received.

**24/24 Parish Clerk's Report**

**a. Annual Parish Meeting**

Various options were discussed.

**c. Newsletter and Council Surgery Dates**

The Clerk advised the newsletter had been published. General discussion took place on the surgeries, Councillors volunteers to attend the surgeries and it was noted they would be held between 10am and 2pm.

**25/24 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for information**

Noted. Discussion took place on the expected Neighbourhood Funds to be received in April. The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes on various infrastructure projects including the repairs to the Parish Hall car park.

**b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following accounts were approved:**

C Warner	£832.85
Welshampton Parish Hall	£240.00
C Symes	£20.00
K Mayer	£610.00

**26/24 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity**

Councillors who were members of the Group advised a meeting was to be take place later that week by Zoom. The meeting would discuss future projects. The re-wilding project was continuing.

**27/24 Action Plan 2023/2024**

The Clerk advised she would re-commence chasing on key projects.

**28/24 Councillor Reports**

Cllr Withington reported on the last Emergency Planning session which was held at Shire Hall. He had been extremely disappointed with the content of the session and the presenting organisation. Cllr Withington was concerned that Shropshire Council's Emergency Planning Officers had not been invited to the meeting as he believed their contributions would have been helpful. Cllr Withington was also concerned no feedback had been requested.

Cllr Stringer reported on her attendance at the Churchmere Patients Group meeting at Ellesmere. The main topic discussed was the introduction of 'Advance Care Planning'. This was to assist patients who were frail or having long-term conditions. Cllr Stringer was concerned that this appeared to duplicate existing methods of expressing a person's wishes e.g. Lasting Power of Attorney and Living Will. Cllr Stringer noted that this information appeared to be collected on paper rather than electronically. Other topics discussed included: Whitchurch Health Centre, the decorating of the waiting room and the introduction of a Communications Group. Cllr Stringer reported that comments had been received on improvements to the service provided by the Ellesmere surgery and that the Practice was actively recruiting a new GP for the surgery.

***Cllr Haydon left the meeting.***

**29/24 Parish Matters**

It was noted that the hedge at Colemere opposite the Church required cutting.

Cllr Wellsbury reported on the difficulties St Michael and All Angels PCC were experiencing on an insurance claim for damage caused by the autumn storms.

***Cllr Houghton MBE left the meeting.***

**30/24 Highways.**

The Clerk advised the long awaiting meeting with Highways to review the improvements at Spunhill was to take place on Monday 19 February. All Councillors were invited to attend. Councillors reported on the number of drainage issues and flooded lanes around the Parish. The loose manhole in the middle of Welshampton was reported to have been repaired.

**31/24 Date of future meeting and agenda items:** 10 March 2024 at 6.30pm

**32/24 Resolved:** That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business numbered 17 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal/legal nature in the business to be transacted.

**33/24 Planning Discussions**

The Clerk updated Councillors on planning issues in the Parish.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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